

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION  
Minutes  
Monday September 21, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Anne Little, Carolyn Helfrich, Laura Shepherd, Paula Chow, William Kjar, Mary Repass, George Solley (City Council), James Bell for Mike Ward (Parks and Rec), Diane Jones (R Board), Nancy Segarra (Public Works), Dave King Public Works, David Dorsey – tree Committee member

Call to Order at 6 pm

Public Comment Period – James Lawrence spoke for two minutes

Tree Committee

1. Tree allocation this fall will be: 30 two inch caliper trees for the downtown tree wells and 100 RPM trees (small 3 gallon) for the rest of the city. 35 will go to area around Cosey Park, 20 to Cowan Boulevard by Hugh Mercer, 20 for Fall Hill Avenue to Washington Ave along the canal path.
2. Tree selection guidelines are almost complete along with a tree list for the City.
3. Tree Standards to be worked on by Dave King, Rob Allen and Guy Mussey for inclusion with all construction in Fredericksburg.
4. Micah will help us in the spring with additional downtown tree well work including liriop planting
5. We will be working on a program for citizens to adopt a tree in honor of a loved one for \$20 by next spring
6. We are working with public works for planning the types of trees for the downtown tree wells.. The selection will be completed at our next meeting and then merchants will need to be contacted and brought into the process.

Clean Committee

1. Christmas Parade ready to go. Banner needs to be ordered and volunteers solicited
2. Poster Contest - info going to the schools this week. Prizes will be cash - \$75 for high school, \$50 for middle school and 2 prizes of \$25 for elementary. Awards will be given at City Council meeting on 11/10
3. Recycle Cans for downtown are still being painted and repaired.
4. Mary Washington Snowden wetlands /Canal path cleanup. We will contact MW Hospital regarding the trash. We are also planning an addition cleanup inside the canal via canoe in October. Date to be announced.

• Updates

1. Scenic Virginia award for Tree Fredericksburg will be awarded in October
2. CSX Grants – Trees for Tracks – two grants applied for, One at the train station for either 50 or 100 trees and one on RR Avenue for 100 trees. Grant award should be made very soon. They require volunteer involvement in the planting of the trees and we hope to get Mayfield kids involved if we get this grant.
3. Leadership Fredericksburg will partner with Clean and Green Commission this year to help formulate a business plan and a publicity campaign Mike Ward, Paula Chow and Anne Little will be our liaisons on this project.
4. The Urban Sociology Department at Mary Washington University has partnered with our Commission to help us with communication and education tools for both the clean and green aspect of our commission. In addition each student will commit to 10 hours of volunteer help this fall for Commission activities.

5. We are still seeking two additional Members for our Commission – one each from Ward one and Ward three.
6. Our Commission is helping with the Downtown Riverfront Park with consultation on the river edge vegetation and the Riverfront park tree selection. We will meet with Jen Allen and Andy Lynn immediately following the Green Committee meeting on 10/13
7. Nancy will make sure that our events and announcements get on to the City's website
8. James Bell and Carolyn Helfrich will communicate with the Garden Clubs to see if we can coordinate planting of the downtown planters with the color scheme of the Parks Department. Our point of contact with garden clubs is Carter Frackleton. Tree Fredericksburg will assist with watering of the planters next summer. We are still working towards hanging baskets but watering every day is the issue. We need more volunteers.
9. Carolyn Helfrich will contact the downtown merchants president regarding the Christmas hanging baskets at the visitors center and determine how we can contribute.
10. Mary Repass says that the merchants will be putting cornstalks on the posts downtown for Halloween and reminds everyone to let her know if they are there in December and need to be removed.

#### **Upcoming Events/ Meetings**

10/10/09 Fall tree planting prep

10/17/09 Fall Tree planting

10/24 FOR Clean up

10/25-Idlewild Tree Workshop

10/31and 11/21– Tree pruning Workshops

11-9 Arbor Day Foundation conference Portland Oregon

11/13 Community Forests Conference Sterling, VA

#### **Next Meetings**

10-5-09 - Clean Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m. City Hall

10-13-09- Green Committee Meeting, City Hall 8:00 a.m.

10-19-09.Clean and Green Commission 6 pm Heritage Center, Maury Commons - 6 p.m.

#### **Adjournment 7pm**